ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

—OF THE—

ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION,

—OF THE—

Pea River Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

White Water Church, Coffee County, Ala.

NOVEMBER 5TH, 6TH, AND 7TH 1887.

OFFICERS:

J. W. BROOKS,..... Moderator.
A. J. WISE, JR..... Clerk.
U. R. TOLBOT,..... Treasurer.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Hear letters from the churches read.
2. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
3. Invite ministering brethren to seats.
4. Call for Petitions from churches desiring to unite.
5. Appoint Committees, to report during session, viz.:
   - To arrange preaching;
   - On Missions;
   - On Finance;
   - On Documents;
   - On Nominations;
6. Call for Correspondence.
7. Return Correspondence.
8. Have Rules and Decorum read.
9. Call roll and mark absentees.
10. Hear reports from committees.
11. Hear Treasurer's report.
12. Hear miscellaneous resolutions.
13. Make arrangements for printing Minutes.
14. Correct Minutes, and adjourn.

RULES OF DECORUM.

RULE 1. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve order in the Association, which shall be opened and closed by prayer.

RULE 2. The privileges and authority of the Moderator shall be respected by all the members; he shall decide all questions of order and propriety.

RULE 3. The Moderator shall vote in no case, unless there is a tie in the Association, then he shall give the casting vote. He shall have the same privilege of speaking as other members, provided he shall appoint some member to fill the chair.

RULE 4. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and keep the subject; and he shall not speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the chair.

RULE 5. No member shall leave the body while on business, except by permission from the chair.

RULE 6. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for deliberation, the Moderator shall take the voice of the body by calling for the yeas and nays.

RULE 7. All motions in order must be disposed of by the body, unless withdrawn by him that made it.

RULE 8. A list of the names of the delegates shall be called and absentees marked.

RULE 9. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the delegates, and keep a regular record of all the business of the Association.

RULE 10 The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected before the body rise.

RULE 11. This decorum may be altered, or amended, by two-thirds of this body.

MINUTES.

The Pea River Association met in its eleventh annual session with the White Water Church on the 5th, 6th and 7th days of November 1887.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. A. Whipple. After one and a half hours recess the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, and prayer by Elder W. A. Cumbie.

Letters from the several churches was presented and read by W. A. Cumbie, and Daniel Swanner, and delegates names enrolled as follows.

Woodland Grove—Elder Jesse M. Rowe M. Brunson and J. H. Plant.
New Hope—W. J. Mitchell. J. T. Eagerton and W. N. Cain.
Siloam—P. T. Wise, A J. Brooks and John Spears.
White Water—A. S. Head, D. J. Williams and H. D. McCollum.
Shiloah—M. A. Helms, and J. A. Grimes.
Piney Grove—M. L. D. Crews, S. A. Cotton and J. W. Brooks.
New Providence—Joe Wise, T. J. Beard and W. J. Spurlin.
New Ebenezer—J. A. Taylor, J. W. McCart and L. E. Whaley.
Hebron—John Bradley, J. H. Weed and F. Knight.
Damascus—T. J. Moore, W. J. H. Wood and J. D. Parkman.
Elba—Daniel Swanner, J. M. Sanders and J. J. Morris.
Bethlehem, (Coffee)—A. J. Wise Jr. T. D. Kendrick and T. J. Brooks.
New Home—W G. W. Harper, H. G. Gilman and E. M. Barnes.
Bluff Springs—J. L. Lewis, I. J. Johnson, and F. M. Dean.
Mount Pleasant—A. J Marsh, J. G. Jones and B. W. Bostick.
Bethlehem, (Dale)—Not represented.

Proceeded to elect officers by appointing W. A. Cumbie and Elder C. W. Hare, to receive the votes, which resulted in the re-election of J. W. Brooks Moderator, A. J. Wise Jr. Clerk and C. R. Tolbot Treasurer.

Invited visiting ministers to seats in the body. Called for Petitionary letters, none presented.

The standing order of business was adopted for the session. The following committees were appointed to report during the session.

On Divine Service—W. J. Spurlin, A. J. Brooks. together with the delegates from White Water church.
On Missions—J. M. Rowe, J. D. Parkman and J. H. Taylor.
On Finance—J. J. Morris, M. L D. Crews and F. M. Dean.
On Documents—M. Brunson, T. J. Brooks and P. T. Wise.
On Nominations—D. Swanner, J. H. Weed and J. G. Jones.
On Periodicals—W. N. Cain, I. J. Johnson and M. A. Helms.
On Sabbath Schools—W. G. W. Harper, T. J. Beard and W. J. H. Wood.
On Temperance—D. Swanner, J. D. Parkman and L. E. Whaley.
On Education—A. J. Wise Jr. S. A. Cotton and John Spears

Called for correspondence, when the following brethren responded.

From Salem Association—G W. L. Parkman and E. M. Brooks.
Zion Association—W. H. Laden and J. L. Davis.
Newton Association—D. J Stephens, J. H. Watson and W. A. Cumbie.
Geneva Association—R. Mills, and M. H. Sellars, also the representative of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, Elder C. W. Hare, also Bro. N. C. Underwood for the interest of Missions.

On motion the report of Sabbath Schools was set for reading at 9 o'clock a. m. Sabbath.

The committee on Divine Service reported for W. A. Cumbie to preach at 7 p. m. Saturday evening, N. C. Underwood to preach at 11 a. m. Sabbath, at 3 p. m. W. A. Cumbie, at 7 p. m. J. W. Brooks.

On Sabbath the ministers preached to large and orderly congregations

Also the report on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted. See appendix A. and on motion the resolutions adopted on the 3rd day of November 1885 at New Ebenezer was abolished.

MONDAY MORNING, November 7th, 1887.

Association met and prayer by Elder J. M. Rowe. Read rules of decorum.

Called roll and marked absentees. Returned correspondence

To Salem Association—A. J. Wise Jr. and M. Brooks.

To Zion Association—J. W. Brooks and P. T. Wise.

To Newton Association—J. G. Jones and W. N. Cain.

To Geneva Association—J. W. Brooks, M. Brooks, P. T. Wise, T. J. Beard and A. J. Brooks.

Called for reports of committees, when report on Missions was read and on motion the regular order of business was suspended to hear the missionary experience of Elder M. Brooks, whereupon Elder B. M. Stevens told him to make a pledge and he would see it paid, when Bro M. Brooks pledged $5.00, which was immediately paid by the members of the Association to the Bro. which was duly paid to the Mission fund.

Also the following pledges were made. J. D. Parkman $5.00; W. J. Hutchinson $1.00; T. J. Beard $2.00; Elder B. M. Stevens $5.00; J. H. Weed $1.00; Elder Jesse M. Rowe paid $3.00; A. J. Marsh paid $1.00; N. C. Underwood $5.00; A. S Head $5.00: D J. Williams $1.00; M. A. Helms $1.00; Daniel Swanner $5.00; W. N. Cain $2.00; M. Brunson $5.00; J. M Walker $1.00; W. J. Spurlin $5.00; W. H. Heard $1.00; T. W. Croly $1.00; M. H. Sellars $2.50; J. M. Bradley $1.00; S. A. Cotton $1.00; A. J. Brooks $1.00; Sister Effie Deal $1.00; Sister White $1.00; Sister Head $1.00; Sister Croly 50 cents; Sister Clark 50 cents; Sister Clark Jr 50 cents; Sister Williams 50 cents; Sister Anabella Anderson 50 cents; Sister Windham 50 cents; Sister Spurlin $1.00; John Spears $1.00; C. R. Talbot $2.50; Sister King $1.00; J. W. Brooks $5.00; Sister N. E. Smith $2.00; W. J. Deal $1.00; W. A. Cumbie $1.00; W. A. Whipple $1.00; Sister M. J. Rowe paid 50 cents; Arlitha Marsh paid 50 cents; M. E Cumbie 50 cents; Sister Mattie Beard 50 cents; Elder C. W. Hare paid $1.50; and then the report was adopted. See appendix B.

Report of Executive Committee read and adopted. See appendix C.

Report on Periodicals read and adopted. See appendix D.

Report on Documents read and adopted. See appendix E.

Report on Nominations read and adopted. See appendix F.

Report on Temperance read and on motion was re-committed to the committee.

Report on Education read and adopted. See appendix G.

Report on Temperance read and adopted. See appendix H.

Report on Finance read and adopted. See appendix I.

Treasurer's report read and adopted. See appendix J.

Resolutions of thanks adopted. *Resolved*, That we are due and hereby tender our heartfelt and sincere thanks to the members of White Water church together with the kind and hospitable citizens in the surrounding vicinity for their friendly hospitality shown us during our stay among them.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Hebron Church on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in November 1888, 15½ miles north east of Elba, near the Pike county line.

J. W. BROOKS, Moderator.

A. J. WISE, JR. Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

M. Brooks,.....Victoria Ala	J. M. Rowe,.....Elba Ala.
John Bradley,..... ...Milo Ala.	J. W. Brooks,.....Elton Ala.
J. W. Bullard,.....Daleville Ala.	....
B. M. Stevens,..... .....Elba Ala.	. ...
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LICENTIATES.

J. F. Kendrick,.....Victoria Ala.	W. N. Cain,.....Victoria Ala.
O. J. Brooks,.....Elba Ala.	....

VISITING MINISTERS.

N. C. Underwood Brundidge Ala. E. M. Brooks Brundidge Ala. W. A. Whipple Troy Ala. A. N. Worthy Troy Ala. W. A. Cumbie Clintonville Ala. C. W. Hare, Montgomery Ala.

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX A.

We your committee on Sabbath Schools offer the following report. We find a Sabbath School in good working order at Elba, also one represented in the church letter from White Water church. We recommend that every church constituting the Pea River Association organize and maintain a Sabbath School. W. G. W. HARPER, Chairman.

☞ The writer was made happy to have the little Bible works pointed out to him at White Water, the effect and influence of their work together with their kind Superintendent, is a nice and comfortable house of worship; press onward dear little ones—a reward awaits you in the sweet bye and bye. Be faithful Bro. Superintendent. CLERK.

APPENDIX B.

Your committee desire to make the following report. We feel that we labor under great embarrassment in the discharge of our duty, because from year to year there has been reports read and adopted upon the subject of Missions, and very little done. Brethren do you mean to be formal, or do you want reports on Missions for the big of the thing, when we turn to the New Testament, we see one whole book containing 28 chapters of the Acts of the Apostles, where is the sentence in your history telling of your acts, as a Missionary body, we know that you have been recommended to this way and that way by good and able committees, but where are your acts, we know too that you labor under embarrassing circumstances you are poor but remember God has said when ye are weak are ye strong, we know too that notwithstanding the State Mission Board is holding out her hand to help you, that there is prejudice against co-operating with that Board. Brethren stop and consider. O, for the sake of Him that said "Go teach all nations," He said the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the

children of light, we think that is because the children of this world lay hold of the means at their hands, while the children of light let prejudice in and other things build a wall of pardition between them and the means to be useful. Now Brethren in conclusion we would humbly say that you co-operate with the State Mission Board and recommend some good Brother who will carry the word of life to the destitute in our bounds. Brethren heed the Macedonia cry, come over and help us and then shall we hear our Master saying to us "well done thou good and faithful servant." All of which is submitted for your consideration.

JESSE M. ROWE, Chairman.

APPENDIX C.

We your committee beg leave to make the following report. That we have collected $5.00 to pay the old debt. A. J. Brooks collected from New Home $1.50; Mount Pleasant $5.20; J. A. Taylor from New Providence $6 00; Shiloah $1.50; from James Lewis $2.00; J. R. Spurlin from New Ebenezer $ 6.75; White Water $1 25; from N. C. Underwood 50 cents; W. J. Spurlin from Woodland Grove $5 00; Siloam $2.00; Total for Mission $33.70; for all purposes $38 70; all of which is turned over to the Finance Committee and their receipt taken for the same.

Respectfully submitted, A J. BROOKS, Chairman.

APPENDIX D.

We your committee on Periodicals make the following report. We recommend the Pea River Association to use the literature of the Baptist denomination for their Sabbath Schools and we also recommend the ALABAMA BAPTIST a religious paper.

Respectfully submitted, W. N. CAIN, Chairman.

APPENDIX E.

We your committee on Documents make the following report. We find one petition from the Hebron church asking the Association to hold its next session at that church. We recommend that the request be granted. Respectfully submitted, M. BRUNSON, Chairman.

APPENDIX F.

We your committee on Nominations offer the following report. To preach the Introductory Sermon at next session, B. M Stevens, his alternate J. W. Brooks. As an Executive Committee, Mathew Brunson, A. J. Brooks, W. J. Spurlin, J. A. Taylor, J R. Spurlin, and delegates to the State Convention to meet at Talledega on Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in July 1888, B. M. Stevens, J. W. Brooks, W. N. Cain, R. Harper, Jesse M. Rowe, A. J. Wise, Jr. M. Brunson, J. L. Lewis, C. R. Tolbot, J. J. Morris and J. F. Kendrick.

Respectfully submitted, DANIEL SWANNER, Chairman.

APPENDIX G.

Your committee on Education offer the following report. We find that there is no report that is to come before this Association of as much importance as that of Education. This subject is claiming the attention not only of the religious world, but the political world as well. Our State and Federal Government is making appropriations for the support of schools. As a denomination we feel that we ought to do more for Education. We your committee, with feelings of pride recommend our Howard College at Birmingham as the school for our boys and the

Judson Institute at Marion for our girls. These schools we feel are the equals of any schools in the South. We would recommend as far as we are able to send our boys and girls to these schools, we cannot nor ought not to let our children be reared up in illiteracy, let us educate them and thereby save them from crime and vice,

Respectfully submitted, A. J. Wise, Jr. Chairman.

APPENDIX H.

Report on Temperance. In order to exhibit our growth in grace and divine knowledge, it is a custom with the regular Baptist at these annual meetings to pass upon reports of committees on certain leading features of Christian effort. And this is not the only reason these reports are made, and acted upon. We wish future generation to know the positions held by their fathers on these subjects. A third reason is the desire we have to express our faiths in such a manner as to raise to the highest plain possible the religious and moral standing of our fellow citizens of the household of faith, but of the American Union, also we believe that our people ought to be temperate in all things, and intensely temperate in the use of intoxicants. Not only do we believe this for we also believe that cursed as our nation is by the misfortune sole and intemperate use of ardent spirits. The time has come when in addition to moral suasion, and appeal should bo made to Cæsar, the law making and the law executing powers not to convert evil men and thus make christians of them by legislative enactments, but to prohibit and restrict them for the public good, when beleagured, and in danger Paul did not hesitate to appeal to be a son, may we not do the same. We are glad to note the fact that there is a healthy growth of temperance in this and sister Associations. We are sometimes discouraged by appearent failures in prohibition work in certain localities. But we do not regard them as failures, but just so many lasting lessons which will finally result in a much more complete mancipation from the evils of intemperance than we we now enjoy,

Respectfully submitted, D. Swanner, Chairman.

APPENDIX I.

Your committee on Finance offer the following report.

Collected on Sabbath,	$21.25.
Sent up by Elba church for Missions,	10.50.
Sent up by the churches for Minutes,	23.85.
Received of the Executive Committee,	33.70.
Received of the Executive Committee on old debt,	5.00.
Collected on Monday,	11.50.
Total	105.80.

All of which has been paid to the Treasurer and his receipt taken for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. Dean, Chairman.

APPENDIX J.

Treasurer's report.

C. R. Tolbot in account with Pea River Association	DR.	CR.
		cts.
To amount brought over from last session 1886.	$10.00	—
To amount received this session 1887.	76.00	—
To amount received this session for minutes 1887.	23.00	—
By am't paid A. J. Wise, Jr. Clerk Pea River Association		23.35.
Leaving a balance on hand	86.00.	

All of which is submitted Nov. 7th, 1887.

C. R. TOLBOT, Treasurer.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Pastors.	Post Office.	Clerks.	Post Office.	Time of Meeting.
N. C. Underwood,	Brundidge, Ala.	W. P. Boyd,	Elba, Ala.	2nd Sabbath.
J. J. Macon,	Milo, Ala.	A. H. Peacock,	Milo, Ala.	
W. F. Martin,	Andalusia, Ala.	W. H. Whaley,	Elba, Ala.	4th Sabbath,
A. J. Brooks,	Elba, Ala.	P. T. Wise,	Elba, Ala.	3rd Sabbath.
C. L. Matthews,	Crittenden's Mill, Ala.	L. B. Heath,	Enterprise, Ala.	4th Sabbath.
J. W. Brooks,	Elton, Ala.	J. L. Lewis,	Rodney, Ala.	2nd Sabbath.
J. M. Tally,	Coffee Springs, Ala.	W. G. W. Harper,	Elba, Ala.	2nd Sabbath.
A. J. Brooks,	Elba, Ala.	M. A. Helms,	Elba, Ala.	1st Sabbath.
J. W. Brooks,	Elton, Ala.	M. L. D. Crews,	Elba, Ala.	1st Sabbath.
Jesse M. Rowe,	Elba, Ala.	M. Brunson,	Elba, Ala.	2nd Sabbath.
D. C. Allen,	Brundidge, Ala.	A. J. Wise, Jr.	Victoria, Ala.	1st Sabbath.
J. W. Brooks,	Elton, Ala.	J. D. Parkman,	Damascus, Ala.	4th Sabbath.
C. L. Matthews,	Crittenden's Mill, Ala.	J. T. Eagerton,	Victoria, Ala.	3rd Sabbath.
John Bradley,	Milo, Ala.	D. J. Williams,	Elba, Ala.	4th Sabbath.
A. J. Brooks,	Elba, Als.	T. J. Beard,	Elba, Ala.	4th Sabbath.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Voucher	Experience	Restoration	Dism'd by Letter	Exclusion	Deaths	Present Membership	Ordained Ministers.	Licentiates	Con. for Minutes
Elba,	11	4	00	00	00	2	00	1	39	1	00	3.00
Hebron,	9	7	00	00	00	00	00	00	38	1	00	1,50
New Ebenezer,	5	2	00	00	2	1	2	1	40	00	09	2,60
Siloam,	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	13	1	1	.75
Mount Pleasant,	11	13	00	00	1	00	00	1	79	00	1	1.50
Bluff Springs,	13	10	2	00	00	1	1	2	49	00	1	1.65
New Home,	6	4	00	3	3	00	00	1	55	00	00	.75
Shiloah,	00	00	00	00	1	3	01	00	12	00	00	.50
Piney Grove,	1	00	00	00	00	2	1	1	20	1	00	1.00
Woodland Grove,	00	00	00	00	00	3	00	00	46	1	00	2.15
Bethlehem, (Coffee)	00	2	00	00	00	10	2	2	94	1	1	2.00
Damascus,	5	6	00	00	00	00	1	00	38	00	00	1.50
New Hope,	2	3	00	00	1	2	00	0	49	00	1	1.50
White Water,	5	00	00	00	1	1	2	00	41	00	00	1.25
New Providence,	00	00	00	00	00	7	00	00	13	00	00	1.00
	68	51	2	3	9	31	10	9	626	6	5	23.35